



# FOR MERCY'S SAKE

the quarterly newsletter of Our Lady of Mercy Church

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## THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

~ May 28, 2023 ~

Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit,  
calls up the image of wind that rushes,  
flames that leap,  
and disciples that are inspired to go out from  
the upper room fearlessly.



Scripture tells us that this is the moment that gave birth to the Church.  
Pentecost brings the Easter season to a grand and fiery close.  
The Holy Spirit lavishes us with gifts which empower us as followers  
of Jesus to take up his mission and make it ours.

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude,  
Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord  
are gifts which help us to continue Jesus' work in our world.

**Pentecost is our Birthday.**

As part of the Universal Church, the Community of Our Lady of Mercy  
will celebrate being Church.

To acknowledge our oneness in the Spirit  
all parishioners are asked to wear red on the Feast of Pentecost.

As included in our Mission Statement, may we be "empowered by the Holy Spirit  
to live the values of Jesus in a prayerful, welcoming, and nurturing environment."

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# Vision Statement

Encountering Christ.

Growing in His love.

Serving in His name.



## Discipleship Pathway

Listening to our hearts, we respond to the Lord's invitation to journey together on the path of discipleship.

## Encountering the Lord

We strive to build an environment for you to recognize and experience God, feeling his profound presence so that you want more. At Our Lady of Mercy, all people are provided with opportunities to continually meet Christ in a real, personal, and intimate way.

## Growing in His Love

We at Our Lady of Mercy work to gradually become more faithful followers of Christ with lives transformed by the Gospel and guided by the Holy Spirit. We provide pathways to nurture your desire to respond in love and come to know what God's desire is for your life.

## Serving in His Name

We encourage you to share your experiences with God, letting God's love permeate everything you do so that others can encounter him. Sent by the Spirit to be the hands and voice of Christ, we seek opportunities to serve those in need.

With Gratitude: The parish is extremely grateful to the dedicated religious education teachers who made this past year such a success. Your prayer, witness and love of your students has had a profound impact on the youth of this parish. You will never know the effect of your ministry on the youth you taught, but God will nurture the seed you planted and produce fruit 30, 60 and 100 fold. Thank you for responding so generously to the invitation of God and to the need of this parish community.

All of us are richer because of your presence.



## RCIA Invitation

God loved us so much that God sent His only Son so that we might have eternal life and everlasting joy. This eternal life and everlasting joy begins today, in the extraordinary reality of grace, in the gift of faith lived in the Christian community. Come and be a part of this legacy, The Body of Christ making God's love and mercy visible in a world of pain and alienation.

Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith? Are you attracted to the life of Jesus Christ and the thought of being one of his disciples? Would you like to be baptized into the Christian family?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) would like to invite you to consider the richly challenging and profoundly rewarding life of Catholic Christianity. The RCIA is a year-long (or longer) process of prayer and study, of community ritual and personal reflection, of parish life and scriptural study designed to enable individuals to hear, understand and respond to the internal promptings drawing them to Christ and the Catholic Church.

If you would like more information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, for yourself or for someone you know, you may call Irene Lucas at 814-899-6132 or email [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org) to schedule an individual meeting.

Come and journey with us. Our destination is out of this world! Asking your questions, starting the conversation, stepping onto the path does not obligate you. So, come and learn more.

## Catholic Services Appeal Update

Happy Easter!

Thank you to all who have made a pledge to this year's Catholic Services Appeal. I am happy to say that through the pledges and gifts received, we have met the diocesan assessed goal. Now, any funds that we raise beyond the goal can be used for parish projects. This is why I seek your help. We are counting on your assistance to keep our parish financially secure. Our goal is to raise an additional \$30,000.

We are looking at a number of large expenses for the upkeep of our 23-year-old building:

Replace the skylight in the atrium	\$5,000
Replace the east gym storage room roof	\$13,000
Replace the garage and food pantry roof	\$24,500

This year we are asking each family to consider a pledge of \$500. If you are reluctant to make a pledge to the CSA campaign, would you please consider making a commitment to our capital improvements. We realize that not all families can give what we are asking but a contribution of any amount will help.

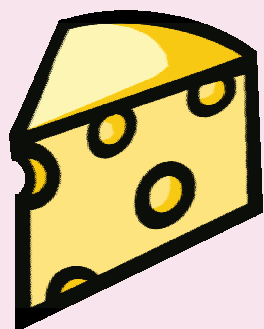
If you have any questions or just want to say hello, please stop me after Mass on Sunday morning or contact me through the parish office or by email.

I am grateful for your generosity.

Please know of my prayers for you,  
Fr. Matt Kujawinski



# What You Always Wanted to Know About...



**MONDAY, MAY 15**

**@ 7:00 PM**



Join Us For A

## **Q & A With Fr. Kujawinski**

**Informal gathering in the Conference Room  
Wine, Cheese and Your Questions**

*(Feel free to bring a snack to share, if you wish)*

*This is your opportunity to chat with your pastor about those questions concerning the Bible, the Church, Catholic beliefs, etc. that you have never known how to answer. Every question is worthwhile as we will learn from one another. Whether you have a specific question in mind or just want an opportunity to learn and discuss, bring a friend and join us.*





# Women's Summer Scripture Study

7:00 PM  
Thursday  
July 6, 13, 20

The Bible contains many “sacred strangers”, men and women who do not belong to the Israelite community yet still reveal God in a profound and striking way. In Sacred Strangers, Nancy examines six of these figures. Most receive little attention but all have significant lessons for us.

## Sacred Strangers

*by Nancy Haught*

Cost of book is \$8.50 if purchased in bulk.  
Contact Irene at 814-899-6132 by June 20  
if you want her to order a book for you.

Home of  
Irene Lucas  
1019 Bartlett Rd.

Patio if weather permits  
(extra lawn chairs appreciated)

Inside if weather is bad

**All Welcome...**

**No Need to Register or  
Attend Every Evening**



Enjoy a cold drink, a casual  
summer evening and laughter  
with sisters in faith.

# OUR LADY OF MERCY PRESENTS... VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023



**JULY 31-AUGUST 4, 2023**

**9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

**All Wild Ones - age 4 thru entering 6th grade**

For more information call:

Irene Lucas 814-899-6132 or the Parish Office 814-899-5342

Or email [ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org)

\*Registration Deadline is July 23rd\*

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name	Age	Grade 2023/2024	Special/Dietary Needs

### Adult & Teen Volunteers

(Teens must be entering 9th Grade or above - Adults MUST provide current clearances)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which area you would like to help out:

Teacher: \_\_\_ Story Time: \_\_\_ Craft: \_\_\_ Games: \_\_\_ Music: \_\_\_

Aide: \_\_\_ Kitchen: \_\_\_ Set-Up: \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_



### Gift Card Order Form

**Our Lady of Mercy earns cash with every gift card purchased. (2.5% - 14% depending on the gift card)**

The cards listed below are those available in the Parish Office or visit the RaiseRight mobile app or ShopWithScrip.com to see all 750+ brands and available denominations.

3 ways to order:

- ❖ Stop by the parish office after the weekend Masses or during the week between 9 and 2.
- ❖ Fill out the form below and drop it off or mail it to OLM 837 Bartlett Rd Harborcreek PA 16421
- ❖ Text (814)440-4890 or email pmm1955.erie@gmail.com

**Please make checks payable to: Our Lady of Mercy Church**

For questions or more information please call Pat Marshall at 814-440-4890

In stock:

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Cards \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
or Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Store	Denomination	Quantity	Total Cost
Amazon	\$25		
Amazon	\$100		
Apple/Itunes	\$25		
Applebees	\$25		
Arby's	\$10		
Barnes & Noble	\$10		
Bath & Body Works	\$10		
Bath & Body Works	\$25		
Bob Evans	\$10		
Bob Evans	\$25		
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$10		
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$25		
Burger King	\$10		
Chipotle	\$10		
Chipotle	\$25		
Cinnabon-Moes etc	\$25		
Country Fair	\$25		
Country Fair	\$50		
Country Fair	\$100		
Dairy Queen	\$10		
Darden Restaurants	\$25		
Domino's	\$10		
Dunkin	\$10		
Dunkin	\$25		

Store	Denomination	Quantity	Total Cost
Giant Eagle	\$25		
Giant Eagle	\$50		
Giant Eagle	\$100		
Home Depot	\$25		
Kohl's	\$25		
Michaels	\$25		
Old Navy	\$25		
Outback Steakhouse	\$25		
Outback Steakhouse	\$50		
Panera	\$10		
Panera	\$25		
Pizza Hut	\$10		
Stan's Garden Center	\$25		
Starbucks	\$10		
Starbucks	\$25		
Subway	\$10		
Target	\$10		
Target	\$25		
Target	\$50		
Tim Hortons	\$10		
Total Wine	\$25		
Ulta	\$25		
Walmart	\$25		
Walmart	\$50		
Walmart	\$100		
Wendy's	\$10		

Customer Info:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



### **Election of officers**

New officers are Grand Knight: Dave Cottrell and Deputy Grand Knight: Tim Fuhrman. While congratulating them, we offer our sincere thanks to Dave Lefaiver and Tom Palisin who have served in these two offices for many years. Other officers are unchanged.

### **30th Anniversary**

The OLM Council was chartered June 27, 1993.

### **Golf Raffle**

On Friday, May 12th from 6 to 11pm in Sperry Hall, The Knights of Columbus will hold the 28th annual Golf & Sports Raffle Casino Night. Major prizes and financial support provided by many generous sponsors have helped this social event grow in popularity in the Harborcreek Community and surrounding area.

Tickets are still only \$10 each (three for \$25) which includes a chance to win the major prizes - twenty in all - along with food and refreshments for the entire night. There will also be various games of chance and raffles throughout the evening. We hope not only will you purchase tickets yourself, but also sell some to your friends. (See a ticket or flier for a list of prizes. Please patronize the sponsors whose names will be on the ticket and display in Sperry Hall) We are in the final planning phase of the Golf Raffle and counting on the involvement of all Knights in making it a success.

### **Knights of Columbus Scholarship**

Scholarship applications are now being accepted. Each year a portion of the Golf Raffle proceeds are earmarked for college-bound high school seniors who, along

with their parents, are members of the parish. We thank you in advance for your support of the Golf & Sports Raffle. Please see the OLM Website or contact the church office for a scholarship application. A brief essay must be included and a certified, most-recently available transcript from the applicant's school. Application deadline is May 14. Please spread the word and watch the website and bulletin.

### **Donations**

To assist them in paying the cost of attending the Heart Work Camp in Tennessee in July, \$1400 was donated to the (7) OLM students. \$500 was donated to the relief effort for the victims of the train wreck in East Palestine, Ohio.

### **Religious Ed spaghetti dinner fundraiser**

Several Knights were involved in preparing the ingredients for the dinner.

### **Baby Bottle Fundraiser**

After phenomenal success last year, this fundraiser will continue this year. Proceeds will be directed toward ultrasound machines and related expenses of the Women's Care Center of Erie in their Pro-Life outreach. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information. (contact is: Phil Legler)

John Skuce  
April 23, 2023  
899-3692



28th Annual Knights of Columbus  
Our Lady of Mercy Council 11144

# **GOLF & SPORTS RAFFLE Casino Night**

*Benefitting Youth Activities at Our Lady of Mercy Parish*

**Friday, May 12, 2023**

**Our Lady of Mercy Church, Sperry Hall**

Bartlett and Dutton Roads, Harborcreek / Doors Open 6-11 pm

**FREE FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS**

**ALL TICKETS ELIGIBLE FOR ALL DRAWINGS  
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN**

**CASH PRIZES AWARDED  
FOR THOSE IN ATTENDANCE**

All prizes must be claimed by August 31, 2023

Tickets Courtesy Of  
**PSB INDUSTRIES**



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF AND SPORTS RAFFLE PRIZE LIST**

1. \$1,000 CASH - **STAN'S GARDEN CENTER**
2. \$300 Value Vehicle Services - **MCMILLEN'S CAR CARE**
3. Two Steelers Tickets / 50 Yard Line "You Pick Game" - **WIDGET FINANCIAL**
4. Four Tickets Kaulig Sr. Tourney Akron, OH - **ROSETO-SUTER OVERHEAD DOOR**
5. Men's Strata Set of Irons - **OLLINGER PLUMBING & HEATING**
6. Garmin Golf Rangefinder - **GERY T. NIETUPSKI ESQ.**
7. 55" HDTV - **VNET**
8. Membership for One Year - **FOX RUN**
9. Callaway Paradym Driver - **H AND H DIRECTIONAL DRILLING**
10. Golf for Four - **WHISPERING WOODS GOLF COURSE**
11. **Scenic Heights Golf Course** - One Year Membership - **WAC**
12. Bill's Logo Golf Bag - **JOE B'S CARPET**
13. Three Walleye Passes - **TELL NO TALES CHARTER** - **N.E. TIRE & SERVICE**
14. **GREEN MEADOWS GOLF** and **RICARDO'S** Dinner for Four
15. Women's Strata Set of Irons - **BATES COLLISION / NIETHAMER & OWENS**
16. Callaway Stand Bag - **LAKEVIEW MOTEL**
17. Golf for Four with Cart - **LAKESIDE GOLF COURSE**
18. Four Seawolves Tickets at 2 Games - **PRO WASTE SERVICES**
19. Ladder Tree Stand - **EAST ERIE MOOSE**
20. Two 3 Hour Sessions - **THE CLUBHOUSE INDOOR GOLF**

**DONATION  
\$10.00 EACH  
OR  
3 FOR \$25.00**

Tickets may be purchased at: Our Lady of Mercy Church 9-3 (M-F) and at the door

**MUST BE 21 AND OVER TO ATTEND**





## **Our Lady of Mercy's**

*Famous*

## **BBQ CHICKEN DINNER & Summer Festival**



**SUNDAY JULY 9TH**  
**Dinner Starts at 12 p.m.**



Dine in  
our air conditioned Sperry Hall or

Drive Thru Take-Out  
from the parking lot

**\*Delivery to Senior Homes Available\***

**\$13 for adults, \$7 ages 6-12, 5 and under free**

**Chinese Auction – Bake Sale – Bingo –  
Children's Area – Book Sale – Craft Sale –  
Funnel Cakes**

**Raffles: \$1000 Grand Prize, Quilt, 50/50,  
4 Hr. Party Bus Rental for 20 Guests,  
Restaurant Gift Cards, Lottery Tree,  
Wine Basket & Craft Beer Basket!**

# CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2023 - Cash or Check

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (PLEASE PRINT)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_


**Where the money will go:**

Our Catholic Services Appeal Assessment is : **\$70,634.00**

Money raised in excess of our assessment will go to Capital Improvements for Our Lady of Mercy.

**Suggested monthly pledge plans**

Monthly Gift	My Total Gift
\$100	\$1,000
<b>\$ 50</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>
\$ 45	\$ 450
\$ 40	\$ 400
\$ 30	\$ 300
\$ 25	\$ 250



**Step 1**

## CASH OR CHECK

Please Choose ONE Option In This Box  
 Checks get made out to Our Lady of Mercy.  
 (please include CSA in the memo line.)

**Monthly Payment**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ x 10 months = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 for the year (Total Pledge)

**Semi-Annual Payment**

**(June & December)**


\$ \_\_\_\_\_ x 2 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 For the year (Total Pledge)

**One-Time Payment**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Pledge

**Contribute Through Faith Direct**

See other Sheet



**Step 2**

**SELECT A REMINDER TYPE: Please Choose ONE Option In This Box**

Email Reminder  
 (Include Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_)

Standard Mail Reminder



**Step 3**

**SELECT REMINDER FREQUENCY: Please Choose ONE Option In This Box**

Monthly reminder       Bi-Monthly reminder       Semi-Annual reminder

*Thank you for your generosity and kindness to the people of the Diocese of Erie.*

**For Office Use Only**

Paid in full       Census       MP       Faith Direct (If applicable)



# CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2023 - Faith Direct

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**FAITH DIRECT**

 **Step 1** **Please Choose ONE Option In This Box**  
**For Cash or Check Contributions See Other Sheet**

Monthly Payment on Faith Direct  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ x 10 months = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the year (Total Pledge)

One-Time Payment on Faith Direct  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Pledge paid on Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Semi-Annual Payment on Faith Direct (June & December)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ x 2 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ For the year (Total Pledge)

**FAITH DIRECT**

 **Step 2** **Please Choose ONE Option In This Box**

I have an existing account with Faith Direct and I authorize Our Lady of Mercy to make this change.  
*If you choose this option, Our Lady of Mercy will add your CSA contributions for you.*  
**\*\*You must sign below\*\***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**-OR-**

I will adjust my account personally.  
*If you choose this option, you will have to update your Faith Direct account to automatically withdraw your CSA contributions.*  
**\*\*Please pay attention to the start date in the date field\*\***

**Text-To-Give from Faith Direct**

To securely give your full pledge amount for CSA 2023, text a dollar amount to **814-892-0055**. You will be asked to complete a one-time registration page with your billing and contact information. After this registration, you can give any time by texting a dollar amount to this OLM phone number. **For Existing accounts:** If the email address entered does match an existing account, you will have the option to apply the gift to your existing account.

**For Office Use Only**     Paid in full     Census     MP     Faith Direct (If applicable)